

TERRIFIC TORNADO
SWEEPS OVERSTATES
OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Widespread Destruction and
Loss of Life Follows in
Wake of Disastrous
Storm

OVER HALF OF OMAHA
REPORTED TO HAVE
BEEN SWEEP AWAY

Terre Haute Suffers Severely—Scores
of Persons Injured—Fire Adds
to the Horrors of Destruction—Tel-
egraphic Communication Is
Paralyzed

Chicago, March 23.—A terrific wind
storm, causing widespread destruction
and loss of life and practically wreck-
ing the already demoralized telegraph
service, raged over the central west and
middle states late today. Reports from
Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana in-
dicate heavy damage, but owing to the
wrecking of the telegraph lines the re-
ports are fragmentary and lacking in
detail.

Omaha, Berlin and Yutan, Neb.,
the latter town near Omaha; Mar-
shalltown, Ackley, Woodbine and Car-
roll, Ia.; Terre Haute, Ind., and Abi-
lene, Kas., are places from which
scattering messages carrying the news
of grave destruction have been re-
ceived. The death list at Yutan was
placed at 15 and the injured at 50.

For more than four hours no word
was received from the stricken city
of Omaha. Late bulletins report that
half of the city was swept by a tornado.
All wires were down and Berlin,
a neighboring town, was said to be
in flames. The message was received
over a single long distance telephone
wire which worked at intervals.

TERRE HAUTE
SUFFERS HEAVILY

Terre Haute, Ind., suffered severely.
Scores of persons were injured,
an unknown number were over-
whelmed in the ruins of houses blown
down by the wind, and many fires
were started in different parts of the
city.

First reports from Nebraska were that
the towns visited by the storm had been
wiped out and that the wreckage was on
fire. Trains loaded with passengers, nurses
and physicians were struggling toward
the scene, being compelled to travel their
way without running orders, owing to
paralysis of the telegraph service.

The loss of life and property in Iowa
was less severe, according to messages
from the southwest. Dust storms,
rain, hail and tremendous electrical dis-
turbance prevailed over Kansas and Ne-
braska the greater part of the day.
Where railroad service was impossible
and motor cars were pressed into service
and supplies were rushed to the
wrecked towns at the best speed possible
over the washed out roads.

Shortly after midnight the storm
reached Chicago. Its coming was pre-
saged by practically total failure of
telegraph connections in all directions.
Reports of disaster in the southern and
central parts of Illinois could not be con-
firmed because of the impossibility of
getting into communication with the en-
dangered cities.

Chicago was confined at the
storm's first coming to broken wires,
small buildings unroofed and trees blown
down.

WIRES DOWN OVER
A WIDE AREA

"The condition of the wire service indi-
cates that the storm area radiates from
Omaha a great distance in every direc-
tion. A dispatch from the state re-
sulting in the death of at least 20 per-
sons, while 10 more are missing and over
100 are injured.

Yutan, 15 miles north of Ashland, suf-
fered the most of any city, and 10 persons
are missing at that place, while 50 more
are injured. With the waterworks out of
commission a fire broke out and the en-
tire town was threatened with destruc-
tion. The known dead are:

In Yutan:
Mrs. Giltner.
Mrs. Selma and baby.
Fried Hayne's two children.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hammond and two
children.

The known dead elsewhere:
Baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Ohrn, killed on farm near Mead.

Henry Hickory, aged 40, killed on a farm
near Mead.

Valley Still, a town north of Yutan, was
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PRESENT MRS. EATON'S CASE
TO GRAND JURY TODAY

Plymouth, Mass., March 23.—Evidence
in the case of Mrs. Jennie May Eaton, who
is charged with the murder of her hus-
band, Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, by
administering poison, will be presented
before the grand jury which will meet in
special session here tomorrow. The jury
will determine whether the widow of the
admiral shall be indicted or allowed her
liberty.

More than 25 witnesses are expected to
appear before the grand jury. Those who
have been subpoenaed include neighbors
of the Eaton family in the town of Nor-
well and county officers, and others who
have been called upon in the investigation.

AUSTRIA PRESENTS
AN ULTIMATUM TO
THE MONTENEGRINS

Demands Suspension of Military
Operations Around
Scutari

NOTE COUCHED IN
THREATENING TERMS

Demands Catholics and Other Denom-
inations Be Restored to Former

Faith—Mediation Commis-
sion Proposed

Cettigne, March 23.—It is semi-offi-
cially announced that Austria presented
an ultimatum to Montenegro today de-
manding a suspension of the military
operations around Scutari until the en-
tire civil population has left the town.
In the event of refusal, Austria will
resort to arms against Montenegro.

In a previous note which was couched
in threatening terms, Austria also de-
manded that all Catholics and Mohammed-
dans in Jakova and the surrounding dis-
trict who have been converted since the
Montenegrin occupation, must be re-
stored to their former faith.

With a view to proving that the con-
versions in question were not attended
by any compulsion, Montenegro replied
that she proposed to appoint a commis-
sion, on which, besides the Montene-
grin members, there should also be
one representative of Austria and an-
other of Italy or some other great power.
Montenegro at the same time stated
that she could not allow the sov-
ereign right of Austria to be exercised
in territory occupied by Montenegro.

Refuses Proffered Terms

Austria refused to accept the answer
to this note, on the ground that its
wording was not "satisfactory." In gov-
ernment circles here the conviction is
expressed that Austria refused not on
account of the form of the reply, but
because of the contents.

The official journal publishes a com-
munication in which it is said that the
Catholics and Mohammedans of Ipek
and Jakova expressed the wish to join
the orthodox church, but were dissuad-
ed by the Montenegrins, who advised
them to exercise patience. The move-
ment spread, however, as the people
evidently expected that this, her second
request for the release of the civilians,
will not be refused, and has also made
clear what she required in connection
with the other incidents of the dispute
between the two countries.

In the meantime the representatives of
the powers at the Balkan capitals are
busy submitting to the governments of
the allies a note suggesting terms as a
basis for any further negotiations. It
has been presented to Turkey, as one of
the ambassadors has failed to receive his
instructions. The allies have been con-
sulting with regard to the note and the
public and press of the Balkan states
do not receive the suggestions with any
favor.

News from Montenegro headquarters
indicates that King Nicholas believes the
fall of Scutari is imminent. He is in
command of the combined Serbian and
Montenegrin army, numbering 32,000. From
the same source it is reported that the
city has already been partly destroyed,
all the large buildings having been dam-
aged. Famine prevails and it is expected
many Austrians and Italians have
been killed.

To Investigate Killing

Vienna, March 23.—Austria is send-
ing the sloop consul at Trieste and the
Catholic archbishop of Upsala to Jak-
ova to investigate the killing of Palle.
The Austrian government has made it
known that the forcible conversions
will have to be cancelled.

A steamer will leave Trieste at an
early date with provisions and blankets
for the needy among the civil popula-
tion of Scutari.

Skirmishing Reported

Constantinople March 23.—Skirmish-
ing and fighting on the outskirts are

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TYSON'S QUESTION
BRINGS A SCATHING
REPLY FROM O'NEAL

Governor Explains Presence
of Convict at His Man-
sion in Montgomery

SAYS TYSON LACKING
IN DIRECT MANLINESS

Sensational Incident Between Chief
Executive and Former Chief Jus-
tice Growing out of the Con-
vict Scandal

By L. S. BETTY

Montgomery, March 23.—(Special).—In
answer to an inquiry addressed to the act-
ing president of the state convict de-
partment by Judge John R. Tyson, for-
mer chief justice of the supreme court
of Alabama, as to the whereabouts of
Jack Gable, a Montgomery county con-
vict, Governor O'Neal this afternoon is-
sued a statement in which he declared
that upon the recommendation of the
heads of departments at the capitol, Gable
had been assigned to the executive man-
sion and that taken as a means of as-
sistance to the state. The inquiry was
published in today's Montgomery Advertiser.

In his reply to Judge Tyson, Governor
O'Neal declares that the inquiry was
not in good faith, but a veiled attack,
by innuendo, slightly lacking in the element
of straightforward manliness. The gov-
ernor then goes into a full explanation of
the matter upon which Judge Tyson
seeks information, stating that the
former presence of Judge Tyson moved
him to enlighten the ignorance which he
perceives.

The Governor's Explanation

According to the governor, the employ-
ment of convicts to care for the state's
property was the inspiration of the heads
of departments at the capitol, who sug-
gested by a unanimous vote last fall, that
state convicts be brought to the capitol to
relieve the unsightly, unclean and insan-
itary condition which obtained at the
state house, as well as to assist in caring
for the executive mansion. Under this
law the governor is authorized to employ
only four servants at the capitol, a num-
ber which the officials considered wholly
inadequate for the purpose of caring for
the capitol buildings and grounds. The
\$6000 which had been appropriated for the
maintenance and repair of the capitol,
according to the governor, had been ex-
hausted in the improvement of the rooms
of the judges and the purchase of many
needed supplies.

With this condition confronting the
heads of departments a committee con-
sisted of John H. Wallace, Jr., Dr. Wil-
liam H. Oates and Dr. Thomas M. Owen
suggested that the governor request the
convict department to send convicts to
the capitol to aid in cleaning the build-
ing and to render their assistance in car-
ing for the state's property. The fund
of \$5 per month, which is allowed the
governor by law with which to employ
a messenger, was used in the employment
of a superintendent of the building and
grounds, who has direct control of the
labor about the capitol.

O'Neal Makes Statement

The governor then goes into an ex-
planation of the whereabouts of Jack Gable.
"The law allows me the sum of \$200 per
month to employ as many convicts as I
may wish at any time that I see proper, for
the care and maintenance of the executive
mansion," declares the governor.

"For the proper preservation and up-
keep of this state's property I had been
making expenditures almost daily, and it
was suggested that part of the expendi-
ture for this purpose could be saved for
the state by the use of a convict to do
the work. I have no objection to the
employment of convicts, who could render
services for which private labor would
otherwise have to be paid from the state
funds. These suggestions were adopted,
and Jack Gable was assigned to duty at
the mansion, the result being a saving
to the state."

According to the governor, Gable had
been repeatedly recommended by the
board of pardons as a fit subject for ex-
ecutive clemency, having had the confi-
dence of the convict department for 15
years.

"Since his assignment to service at the
executive mansion, his support has been
a personal burden on me instead of on
the state," says the governor.

In concluding his answer to Judge Ty-
son, the governor says:
"I feel that I owe a debt of thanks to
the committee and to the conference in
suggesting a plan by which I could in the
absence of any money provided for the
purpose, put the capitol in a decent con-
dition. I am sure that the committee and
worthy of the people of Alabama."

"Prior to the above arrangement in
caring for the state's property the condi-
tions had been such as to mortify the
pride of every visitor to the historic
building."

"The present condition of the capitol
building bears testimony to the wisdom
of putting into force the recommendations
of the committee."

Answer Grows Salty

"Under the recommendation of the
committee, I have utilized the convict
labor of the state in improving and beau-
tifying the grounds, thereby saving the
state a large sum, and have undertaken
to remove the unsightly, unclean and in-
sanitary conditions that have heretofore
existed, and to make the buildings and
grounds an object of pride to the
people, worthy of the dignity and power
of a great state. I believe that the peo-
ple of Alabama will approve if Judge
Tyson does not."

"I hope the above will satisfy the curi-
osity of Judge Tyson, and I will suggest
that he is not altogether in the right
of his impregnable position that entitles
him to propound inquiries by innuendo,
and that he might be asked some ques-
tion that would prove embarrassing to
him to answer. But I have no disposition
to indulge in such matters, and trust
that if Judge Tyson allows his venom
again to assert itself he will have the
manliness to make his attacks directly
and in the open and not from ambush
by innuendo."

Lexington Editor Dead

Lexington, Ky., March 23.—Samuel Jud-
son Roberts, owner and editor of the
Lexington Leader, and for many years
a republican leader in central Kentucky,
died at his home today of blood poison-
ing following an operation for ingrowing
toe nail. Mr. Roberts was for many years
collector of internal revenue for the Sev-
enth district. He was born in Canton,
O., February 11, 1833.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY OF
MURDERING HER HUSBAND

MRS. JOSEPH G. EATON

Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, U. S. N., retired, died of poisoning,
and his widow is charged with murder. Mrs. Eaton was taken into cus-
tody at her home in Norwell and brought to Hingham, Mass., where she
was arraigned before Judge Pratt, who had conducted the inquest into the
admiral's sudden death. She pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail
without bail for a further hearing.

Admiral Eaton died suddenly on the morning of March 8. He was 66
years old, but, according to his friends, had been in good health. Two
days later the body was buried at Dracut, his old home. There was no
service at the grave, and besides undertaker and newspaper men only the
widow and her daughter by another marriage, Miss Dorothy Ainsworth,
witnessed the interment. There were no military honors.

State Exercising Great
Care In Probing Into
Its Convict Department

Every Agent of State Sifting Refuse Before Him in Effort to
Reveal True Conditions—Gravity of Situation Read
in Faces of Investigators at Work at Capitol.

A Striking Scene

By HUGH W. ROBERTS

The casual reader of newspapers has
little conception of the care which the
state is exercising in its probe of the
convict department, in its effort to reveal
the ghost of shame in all its horrid naked-
ness.

It is generally known, true enough, that
witnesses are being examined, and that
testimony, day by day, is being adduced
in an effort to learn the extent to which
alleged crookedness has been carried, and
to find the man on whose shoulders the
bulk of the stigma should be placed.

But it is not generally known that in
addition to the open and public probe,
there is activity on the part of every other
agent of the state. Every man is on

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BOMB DESTROYS
TENEMENT BUILDING

Five Story Building Torn to
Pieces in New York by
Explosion

New York, March 23.—The fifth bomb
set off in this city since January 1 ex-
ploded in the lower East Side today with
greater force than any infernal machine
placed by Black Hand operators within
memory of the police. The lower part of
a five story tenement building was badly
wrecked, and there was a panic when the
scores of tenants in the upper stories,
who had been thrown from their beds
by the shock, found their exit blocked
by a great hole torn in the second floor
hallway. Several persons were painfully
injured. A baker near whose apartment
the bomb was placed denied he had re-
ceived threatening letters.

Eighty-three bombs were exploded in
Manhattan and Bronx boroughs during
1912. At the present rate the record of
explosions for the current year will be
more than 200.

Two other bomb explosions on the East
Side, one of them in a building almost
next door to the tenement badly dam-
aged a few hours before, occurred ton-
ight, bringing the total to 52. Considerable
damage was done in each case, but no
one was injured.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF MOON

Melbourne, Australia, March
24.—The total eclipse of the
moon last night provided a re-
markably fine sight, particularly
at Sydney and Brisbane. Ob-
servations at Melbourne were
partially obstructed by a cloudy
sky.

Officers object to local armory.

Tells of child labor conference.

Crowds observe Easter Sunday.

8-Sports

7-Turning extra session will be prolonged.

HOSTILE MOB CAUSES
MILITANTS TO CALL
OFF THEIR MEETING

Men Gather in London Park
and Threaten the Suf-
fragettes

BITTER FEELING
AGAINST MILITANTS

Burning of Lady White's Residence
by Women Has Incensed London
Populace—Sympathizers
Jostled

London, March 23.—A great crowd of
youths armed with various kinds of
missiles, tin whistles, mouth organs and
bells, gathered in Hyde park today,
prepared to repeat the rowdy scenes
of last Sunday should the suffragettes
attempt to hold their regular Sunday
meeting.

The women, however, wisely refrained
but the crowd, out for trouble in any
event, spent the afternoon in hustling
men who declared themselves to be
sympathizers with the suffrage move-
ment.

The police had been advised that the
meeting would be held and a strong
force patrolled the park and adjoining
streets. The crowd finally became
weary and dispersed. An officer, who
has had long experience in handling
mobs, said that it was a good thing the
women did not appear, as the men were
in angry mood because of the burning
of the fine country residence of Lady
Amy White, widow of Field Marshal
Sir George White, the hero of Lady-
smith.

Although Lady White's house fortu-
nately was empty, this act of incendiar-
ism has caused a more bitter feeling
against the militant suffragettes than
any previous crime.

Castle Closely Guarded

Windsor castle, where the court has
gone into residence, is being closely
guarded and special precautions have
been taken to prevent women from
making any demonstration or commit-
ting any outrages. A special staff of
detectives has been sent to Windsor
and the north terrace of the castle,
which has always heretofore been open
to the public, has been closed. Hamp-
ton court palace also has been closed.

James Keir Hardie, the socialist and
independent labor member, who is one
of the strongest supporters of the wom-
en's cause, had a peculiar experience
at Manchester today. He addressed a
suffrage meeting in the afternoon and
was interrupted by men with cries of
"traitor." In the evening when he ad-
dressed a meeting in connection with
the annual conference of the labor
party, suffragists persisted in inter-
rupting him and several women had to
be forcibly ejected.

Women have been promised to make
demonstrations at all the meetings in
connection with the conference, declar-
ing that the laborites who are supposed
to be supporters of woman suffrage are
really traitors, as they will not for-
get the government to give women the
vote.

PRESENTS EASTER
EGG TO PRESIDENT

Girl of 6 Years Gives Presi-
dent Wilson an Egg in
Church

Washington, March 23.—If President Wil-
son wants to stop being President for a
while tomorrow and go out and roll eggs
with the thousands of Washington chil-
dren on the White House lawn he won't
have to sit up tonight coloring eggs, and
he can easily find the youthful chapone
necessary to get a mere grown person
by the watchful policeman. All came
about because the President decided to-
day to avoid the fashionable churches of
Washington and motored out beyond the
capital to the Eastern Presbyterian church.

In a new near that occupied by the
President and Mrs. Wilson and their three
daughters was Margaret Gundaker, 6
years of age, who brought to church a
gloriously colored Easter egg, which
would have made almost any famous rain-
bow jealous. Margaret watched the Presi-
dent while he took his seat. Just before
the service she whispered to her mother,
and then shyly reached over to the Presi-
dential pew and handed Miss Eleanor
Wilson a fairly decorated paper napkin
with the precious egg inside. Miss Eli-
anor received it with a smile, and handed
it to the President, who looked at the
name written in a child's hand on the
napkin, glanced around to where Miss
Gundaker sat and bowed his thanks with
a smile that made her blush with hap-
piness and confusion.

The President gave no intimation to-
day as to where he expected to worship
and his appearance at the Eastern Pres-
byterian church was unexpected. He missed
the Connecticut avenue Easter par-
ade, but avoided the crowds about the
better known churches.

The Easter parades enjoyed almost
perfect weather. Members of the diplo-
matic corps and their wives, most of the
government officials who are in the city
and scores of men and women well
known in society turned out to join in the
spring display of fashion.

DR. ELIOT WILL NOT
ACCEPT AMBASSADORSHIP

Cambridge, Mass., March 22.—
Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of
Harvard, said tonight
it was true he had declined the post
of ambassador to Great Britain.
While he would not give his reasons
for declining, he said it was
not on account of his age, the con-
dition of his health, or financial
considerations.

Dr. Eliot's regretting his inabil-
ity to serve was said to President
Wilson two days ago.

For the Japanese and Russian posts sev-
eral men are being considered, but it is
not believed that any final choice has
been reached.

John E. Osborne, former governor of
Wyoming, was mentioned today as the
probable successor to Hurlington Mr. Wil-
son as First Assistant Secretary of State.
Governor Osborne is said to be a close
friend of Secretary Bryan and is demo-
cratic national committeeman from his
state.

HAMILTON TO TAKE OATH
OF JUDGESHIP WEDNESDAY

Mobile, March 23.—(Special).—On the
spot where his father in ante-bellum days
was sworn in as United States attorney
for the district, Judge Peter J. Hamilton
will Wednesday morning take his oath of
office as United States judge of the Dis-
trict of Porto Rico, United States Judge
Harry T. Toulmin will administer the oath
at about 11 o'clock. For a few days at
least there will thus be two United States
judges, both of Mobile, living in the city.
Judge Hamilton will leave Mobile at the
end of this month for Washington and
New York. He will pay his respects to

MC COMBS' DECISION
IS ACCEPTED WITH
REGRET BY WILSON

Was Anxious to Have Dem-
ocratic Chairman Accept
Post to France

BRYAN BACK FROM
TRIP WEDNESDAY

President to Confer With Him on
Five Appointments—Other Am-
bassadors To Be Named
Shortly

Washington, March 23.—President Wil-
son tonight reluctantly assented to the
expressed determination of Chairman Mc-
Combs of the national democratic com-
mittee to decline the proffered French
ambassadorship. In a statement express-
ing his high regard for Mr. McCombs,
the President declared that the diplo-
matic service of the United States is un-
necessarily hampered by the fact that
only men who have time and means to
leave their business find themselves able
to serve the government abroad. The
President's statement follows:

"I am very sorry indeed that Mr. Mc-
Combs cannot accept the appointment
to France. I was particularly anxious
that he should. My admiration for his
ability, my knowledge of his singular ca-
pacity for grasping complex situations,
my confidence in his tact and resourceful-
ness, as well as my affection for him, and
the intimate relations that, of course, ex-
ist between us, combine to make my dis-
appointment very great indeed. But I,
of course, appreciate the force of the rea-
sons he gives. He would have accepted
at an unreasonable sacrifice and I could
not further press the offer upon him.

Have to Ask Sacrifices

"It is a great pity that the country has
to ask such sacrifices of those who are
invited to serve it abroad—a service which
every year becomes more exacting and
more important. The sacrifice of time,
of means and of opportunity at home is
very serious for any but men of large
means and leisure, and the diplomatic
service is unnecessarily hampered."

Secretary of State Bryan is due back
in Washington from his western trip on
Wednesday. The President is expected
to be ready to take up with him the ap-
pointment of men to at least five diplo-
matic posts, which Washington observers
regard as the most pressing impor-
tant ones. Ambassadors to England, Mex-
ico, Japan, Russia, a minister to China
and a minister to the Philippines will be
named within a short
time.

The London and Mexican embassies
have been looked upon as those which
should be filled first because of the Pan-
ama free trade question with Great Britain
and the troubled condition of Mexico.
The announced policy of the administra-
tion toward China and its intention to
keep close watch on the open door in
China have brought the question of ap-
pointment of an ambassador to Tokyo
and a minister to Peking to the fore. The
unsettled Russian passport question has
made the selection of a representative to
the czar's court much harder than it
might ordinarily have proved to be.

Many Names Mentioned

For none of these posts, except that to
Mexico, apparently has the administration
been able to decide upon a man and
have it invited to accept. Many names
have been mentioned in connection with
several of them and in two instances,
England and China, definite offers were
made but declined. Have followed
closely after.

It is known here that George W. Dut-
rie, former mayor of Pittsburgh, who
with President Wilson's approval for the
Mexican ambassadorship, but in the gen-
eral discussion of a representative to
Wilson's return to Washington there may
be a shift that would result in the offer
of another post.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, offered the em-
bassy at London, has declined to ac-
cept, according to information here, al-
though his answer probably will not be
made public for the present. Officials
are refuse to discuss names under con-
sideration for Great Britain. John R.
Mott of Montclair, N. J., a Young Men's
Christian association leader, thoroughly
familiar with China, has signed his un-
willingness to decline, he said it was
not on account of his age, the con-
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